

# Allied Health Rural Generalist Program



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# Why JCU?

## **A STUDENT EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER**

- Access to world-class teachers
- Achieve exceptional employment outcomes
- Connect with professional networks
- 100% online study - balance your course around work and family commitments
- Personalised, on-going support throughout your degree
- Connect with leading practice and teaching academics

## **WORK CREATIVELY**

Apply creativity in answering diverse healthcare needs by expanding your general skills and health professional knowledge.

## **JOIN A COMMUNITY OF LIFELONG LEARNERS**

Build strong professional networks that can assist you when you're working in remote or isolated environments.

## **SIMPLIFY COMPLEX ISSUES**

Learn to identify and develop strategies to resolve complex rural and remote community issues.

A portrait of Andric Lu, a man with dark hair, a beard, and glasses, wearing a white shirt and a red tie. He is smiling and looking directly at the camera. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

*“One of the ways we are improving rural practice in Queensland is by training in rural generalist practice. I am studying a Graduate Diploma in Rural Generalist Practice through JCU, which is allowing me to advance my clinical skills and develop leadership styles. One component of the program is to develop a workplace-based improvement project so you can translate learnings from the studies to sustainable health programs tailored to our communities. My project is to improve access and service delivery through an inpatient telehealth Physiotherapy model of care.”*

**Andric Lu, Senior Physiotherapist**  
ALLIED HEALTH RURAL GENERALIST PROGRAM



# Allied Health Rural Generalist Program (Level 1)

✔ This professional development program has been designed for early career Allied Health and Social Work professionals in their first three years of practice. Students in the Program expand their clinical and leadership skills to better equip them for work in rural or remote health settings.

✔ Once enrolled, students choose 12 modules from a list of 29 diverse options. Each module runs for six weeks and requires approximately 22 hours of commitment to complete the workplace-focused tasks.

✔ The modules are designed for health professionals working as Occupational Therapists, Nutritionists/Dieticians, Physiotherapists, Pharmacists, Podiatrists, Radiographers, Speech Pathologists, Psychologists or Social Workers.

## COURSE DETAILS:

Locations:	Online
Commencing:	February, May, June, August
Duration:	12 months by completing two modules in each of the six study periods
Prerequisites:	Completion of at least an AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a relevant health discipline.

Please visit the [website](#) for further details.

Note: Information is for domestic students only





# Graduate Diploma of Rural Generalist Practice (Level 2)

✓ JCU's Graduate Diploma of Rural Generalist Practice provides Allied Health professionals with a pathway for advancing their academic and clinical expertise in a wide range of community and clinical settings. Students can undertake a range of subjects that allow them to deliver rural and remote health services effectively and confidently in low resource settings. Students gain leadership, research and patient management skills in rural generalist professional practice to respond to diverse healthcare needs.

✓ For entry to this course, Australian practitioners need to have achieved a health-related Bachelor degree and have at least two years' professional experience in one of the following Allied Health practice fields: Nutrition/Dietetics, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Psychology, Radiography, Social Work or Speech Pathology.

## COURSE DETAILS:

Locations:	Townsville, External
Commencing:	February, July
Duration:	1 year full-time, part-time available
Prerequisites:	AQF Level 7 bachelor degree in a relevant health discipline completed more than two years prior to admission

Please visit the [website](#) for further details.

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# Career Opportunities

Open up new career opportunities in diverse communities. The Graduate Diploma of Rural Generalist Practice is invaluable for Allied Health professionals working in communities and health services that are responding to a wide range of healthcare needs where the available resources might be limited, such as rural and remote locations. Graduates gain the skills needed to lead, solve problems and work creatively in rural and underserved healthcare settings. Gain new competencies to enable you to advance your career and serve your community in the following professions:

- Nutritionist/Dietician
- Occupational Therapist
- Pharmacist
- Physiotherapist
- Podiatrist
- Psychologist
- Radiographer
- Social worker
- Speech Pathologist

Find out more about the [Graduate Diploma of Rural Generalist Practice](#)



A portrait of Anne Jones, a woman with short, greyish-brown hair, smiling slightly. She is wearing a bright blue short-sleeved shirt with a green and white tropical leaf pattern. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

*“The program has been designed to meet the needs of rural and remote health services and was developed in collaboration with the Department of Health, Queensland and Queensland University of Technology. It can be difficult to access ongoing training and support when you work and live outside the major centres so this program is fully online. Allied Health Rural Generalist training is practical, work integrated development relevant to the needs of rural and remote communities.”*

**Anne Jones**

COURSE COORDINATOR



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